

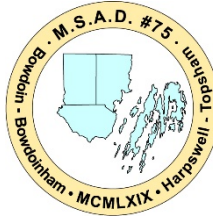
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COVID-19 Update Letter #9

M.S.A.D. No. 75 families and community members:

M.S.A.D. No. 75 will follow the recommendation from the Commissioner of Education: [PRIORITY NOTICE: Updated Recommendations and Guidance from Commissioner Makin for Remainder of 19-20 School Year](#), to **anticipate the need to replace classroom instruction with remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year**. Therefore, our **buildings remain closed until further notice**, but please know our dedicated staff continues to work hard, cleaning our buildings, feeding our students, and providing continuity of learning. Our buildings remain closed for in-class instruction, but our “schools” are open and ready for teaching and learning “remotely.” Our staff is working harder than ever to help our students and families! We hope to be back in school, with our students, as soon as possible. At this time, we do not know when schools will reopen. We will continue to update the M.S.A.D. No. 75 community as new information is gathered, and decisions are made.

End of Year Activities - We are working hard to brainstorm solutions to the typical end of year activities for our students, particularly our Seniors. While no final decisions have been made, we deeply recognize how hard this is on our students who are graduating from Mt. Ararat High School this year.

April Vacation - April vacation week is still scheduled, and it is important for everyone that this be a break from learning and work. During this time, our Food Services Staff and Drivers will be taking a much-needed break, so food will not be delivered over the April Vacation.

Food Service - We will continue our Breakfast and Lunch program through the duration of the school closure, except for the April vacation week. The food services program is open to all children 18 years of age or younger. If you need meals, please come! If your family does not, then I encourage you to stay home. We want to limit exposure to you and our staff. This decision is a family decision; we will not and do not ask questions concerning need. We served over 1100 students today, which is 150 more students than we have typically served over the past few weeks. If you were not able to receive meals today, please let us know via your school or through our nutrition director.

Continuity of Learning Plans - We are committed to maintaining and strengthening relationships with our students and families. Teachers will continue to provide students with opportunities for learning. As we continue to work remotely, teachers will adjust the quantity and type of work they are providing. Families are encouraged to reach out at any time with questions.

Support - Please remember that to support our students, staff, families, and community members; M.S.A.D. No. 75 nurses, nurse practitioners, and Health Coordinator are available for call-in hours. You are welcome to call in with your questions about COVID-19. We will provide you with basic health information and/or direct you to appropriate resources.

Our web page, link75.org, continues to serve as a reliable hub for information as well as our official Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/msad75/>. On our website, we are posting articles that may be helpful for parents during this time of remote learning. Please check the site frequently.

We are very fortunate to have the staff, families, and community of M.S.A.D. No. 75 continue to look out for one another. We are in this together.

Sincerely and Be well!

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Superintendent